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SUBJECT: OECD URBAN CONCERNS INITIATIVE: ANNOUNCEMENT
OF FIRST AD HOC MEETING.

REFS: (1) PARIS 22175; (2) PACKER/DAMERON TELECON JULY 27
(3) C(78) 50.

1. SUMMARY: DEPUTY SECGEN ELDIN HAS ISSUED LETTER OF
INVITATION, TEXT BELOW, SETTING FIRST AD HOC MEETING
FOR SEPTEMBER 25-26, 1978. LETTER, DRAFT AGENDA AND
ANNOTATIONS AIR POUCHED TO DAMERON. U.S. REPRESENTATI-
VE INVITED TO INTRODUCE AGENDA ITEM NO.3 "IDENTIFICATION
OF MAJOR URBAN PROBLEMS CALLING FOR INTERNATIONAL CO-
OPERATION". COUNTRIES ARE ALSO INVITED TO SUBMIT A
SHORT NOTE ON COUNTRY VIEWPOINTS, TO BE DISTRIBUTED FOR
INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION. END SUMMARY.

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2. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS. QUOTE: SIR, I SHOULD LIKE
TO RECALL THAT AT ITS 468TH MEETING, THE COUNCIL DECI-
DED THAT AN AD HOC MEETING OF GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES
BE CONVENED TO REVIEW THE MATTERS SET OUT IN THE NOTE
BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, C(78)50, WITH A VIEW
TO REPORTING BEFORE 30TH APRIL, 1979, ON POSSIBLE ACTION
BY THE ORGANISATION IN THIS AREA FOR CONSIDERATION AND

FURTHER DECISION BY THE COUNCIL. IN RESPONSE TO THE WISH OF THE COUNCIL THAT THE DISCUSSIONS BE HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF A DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL, I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO CHAIR THIS AD HOC MEETING, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ON 25TH-26TH SEPTEMBER, 1978, AT OECD HEADQUARTERS.

AS SET OUT IN GREATER DETAIL IN THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL, C(78)50 AND C(78)101, THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WILL BE:

- A) TO IDENTIFY THE MAJOR PROBLEMS FACING OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES WITH REGARD TO URBAN CONCERNS AND THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES THAT MIGHT BEST BE ADDRESSED; AND
- B) TO PREPARE A DRAFT ACTION PROGRAMME SETTING OUT PRIORITIES AND OUTLINING THE ORGANISATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS FOR OECD.

THE AD HOC MEETING SHOULD BRING TOGETHER GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES FAMILIAR WITH THE BROAD RANGE OF CONCERNS AND RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH ARE IN THE FIRST PLACE THOSE OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENTS WHEN ELABORATING POLICIES RELATING TO URBAN CONCERNS; PARTICIPANTS SHOULD THUS BE POLICY-MAKERS IN A POSITION TO EXPRESS COORDINATED VIEWS OF THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED. WITH A VIEW TO ASSURING THE EFFICIENT WORKING OF THE AD HOC MEETING, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT EACH COUNTRY BE REPRESENTED BY NO MORE THAN TWO EXPERTS.

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PLEASE FIND ATTACHED AN ANNOTATED DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE AD HOC MEETING.

I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD INFORM ME BY 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1978, AT THE LATEST, WHETHER YOUR COUNTRY WISHES TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE AD HOC MEETING, AND IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, TO LET ME KNOW THE NAME OF YOUR DELEGATE(S).

ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.
SIGNED GERALD ELDIN, UNQUOTE.

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3. DRAFT AGENDA CONSISTS OF SIX ITEMS:

- (1) INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY THE SECRETARIAT;
- (2) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA;
- (3) IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR URBAN PROBLEMS CALLING FOR INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION;
- (4) SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE ORGANISATION OF FUTURE WORK ON URBAN PROBLEMS WITHIN THE OECD.
- (5) REPORT OF THE MEETING;
- (6) OTHER BUSINESS.

4. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT U.S. REPRESENTATIVE BE PREPARED TO LEAD OFF ON AGENDA ITEM (3) WITH A STATEMENT BASED ON U.S. PAPER REF (3), OUTLINING U.S. OBJECTIVES, APPROACH AND VIEWPOINTS. THIS, TOGETHER WITH CONCISE (2 OR 3 PAGE) U.S. NOTE WOULD HELP TO SET THE TONE OF THE FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS. ELDIN AS CHAIRMAN AND OTHER INTERESTED COUNTRIES EXPECT EFFECTIVE U.S. LEADERSHIP IN AD HOC MEETING AND ITS ADDITIONAL SESSIONS, REF (1).

5. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE NAMES AND PROFESSIONAL BACK-
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GROUND OF U.S. REPRESENTATIVES SELECTED FOR AD HOC MEETING FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SECRETARIAT NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 8.
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